Seminar on Expenditure Management 2320;
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had organised a seminar on Expenditure Management;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have asked for International Monetary Fund to conduct a study on how to bring down the level of non-plan expenditure at the central and state levels and also to suggest guidelines for its improvement keeping in view the study undertaken by it in Latin American countries like chile and Argentina; and

(d) if so, what were the guidelines suggested to these countries by the IMF and how do these compare with the conditions prevalent in India?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A Seminar on Expenditure Management was organised on 18th March, 1996. Discussions were held on a wide range of issues relating to public expenditure management. Based on the discussions held, a number of ideas were conceptualised on various aspects of expenditure management These ideas, inter-alia alia, formed the basis for the guidelines issued on 17.6.1996 on expenditure management, fiscal prudence and susterity, a copy of which has already been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d)The International Monetary Fund have given a Report on "India-Public Expenditure Management". This Report does not make any specific comparison with Latin American Countries.

Separate alighting and parking for VIPs at Nagpur Airport

2321. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangement for separate alighting and parking for VIPs has been made at the newly constructed airport in Nagpur;

(b) if so, in which part of the airport has this area been allotted;

(c) which are the categories of VIPs whose vehicles will be allowed in the area; and

(d) by when such arrangements shall be made at other airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) There is no separate arrangement for parking of VIP vehicles at any airport including Nagpur airport, either on the city side or on the airside. VVIPs like the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Head of States/Governments, Governors and other specified dignitories are allowed to take their vehicles into the operational areas of the airports.

Vulgarity in Telecast of DD Advertisements

2322. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATEN AND BROADCASTING be plesed to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to set up special screening committee to check vulgarity in advertisements on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the alternative steps Govemment propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Advertisements on Doordarshan are governed by the Code for Commercial Advertising. The Code inter-alia does not permit indecent and obscene advertisements. Doordarshan has also set up a three-member committee (two members being lady officers) headed by a lady officer of the rank of Dy. Director General to settle objections raised against advertisements.

(b) Does not arise.

Circuit Bench of Supreme Court

2323. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the public demand for setting up of circuit benches of the Supreme Court in Calcutta and South; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Govemment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Representations/suggestions have been received from time to time from certain State Governments, Bar Associations etc. for establishing Benches of Supreme Court in various parts of the country, including Calcutta and South India.

According to Article 130 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places, as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint.

No proposal has been received from the Chief Justice of India in this regard. No action is contemplated by the Central Government till such a proposals received.

Awareness about use of Contraceptives

2324. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of awareness and mis-conception about the use of contraceptive methods still hamper the efforts to bring down the birth rate in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research shows that traditional healers and trained persons could play a vital role in influencing the villagers to accept one or other method of family planning; and

(c) details of the other points made out in this study and the steps being taken by Government to boost family welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI); (a) Awareness levels are over 95% as per National Family Health Survey 1992-93. There is however, still an unmet need of over 20% for family planning in the country.

(b) and (c) A pilot study was conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research in 1984-87 in 37 villages of two PHCs in Muzaffarnagar District of Uttar Pradesh. A total of 22 resident institutionally trained traditional Medical Practitioners were provided training for 11 days. The study showed that over a period of intervention of two years there was an increase in the number of acceptors of contraception in these village.

This is only a pilot study covering a small population. A number of large scale studies focussing on the use of rural traditional medical practitioners for delivery of family planning services are essential before the same can be incorporated into the National Family Welfare programme.

किसानों के लिए लाभों की समीक्षा करना

2325. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री नागमणि:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार किसानों के लिए ऋण व्यवस्था और अन्य सुविधाओं की समीक्षा और उनमें सुधार करके ऐसी व्यवस्था कायम करने पर विचार कर रही है जिससे किसानों को उसका पूरा फायदा मिल सके; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों, निजी क्षेत्र के बैंकों, क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों, राष्ट्रीय कृषि एवं ग्रामीण विकास बैंकों (नाबार्ड) जैसी सहकारी तथा मियादी ऋणदात्री शीर्ष स्तर की संस्थाओं से निहित ग्रामीण इलाकों में ऋण का भुगतान करने वाली एक सुस्थापित बहु-एजेंसी पद्धति पहले से ही विद्यमान है। नियमित रूप से इस पद्धति की समीक्षा की जाती है और जैसे-जैसे आवश्यकता पड़ती है इनकी नीतियों में परिवर्तन किए जाते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, किसानों की ऋण संबंधी आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप ऋण प्रदान करने में बैंक अपने उत्तरदायित्व महसूस करें यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कई-कई प्रभावी कदम उठाए गए हैं। इनमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं:-

(1) बैंकों द्वारा दिए जाने वाले कुल ऋण में से कृषि क्षेत्र को दिए जाने वाले ऋण की राशि का लक्ष्य भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने 18 प्रतिशत तय किया है। और वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा इस क्षेत्र में लक्ष्य पूर्ण करने के लिए की गई प्रगति की समीक्षा आरबीआई नियमित रूप से करता रहता है।